

**The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Sunday, July 10, 2022 9:30am
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**



Order of Worship

PRELUDE **“God is My Shepherd”** *from Psalm 23*
Antonín Dvorák (1841-1904) Kent Jones, baritone

GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Notices for the program, ministries and people of the church are shared.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: For God is great and greatly to be praised!

Leader: Come, let us sing a song of praise to God.

People: For the Lord gathers us in and grants us rest.

*OPENING HYMN No. 257 ***This is the Day*** *All Verses*

We will sing verse three antiphonally and a cappella.

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: Lord of Creation, you blessed us on the seventh day with a Sabbath rest and made it holy. We confess that in our work and in our striving, we have forgotten your holy rhythms. Grant us your divine balance of work, service, meditation, and rest. May even our recreation be holy unto you. Recreate us by your Spirit that our souls may be restored and come alive in your Word. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *all versions are welcomed in the Spirit*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***All who are able please stand**

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RESPONSIVE READING *from Psalm 92 "A Song for the Sabbath"*

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

People: To sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Leader: To declare your steadfast love in the morning,

People: And your faithfulness by night.

Leader: To the music of lute, harp and strings.

People: For you, O Lord make us glad by your work.

Leader: At the works of your hands, we sing for joy!

People: You, O Lord, are on high forever.

Leader: Behold, your enemies, O Lord, shall perish.

People: All evildoers shall be scattered.

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree.

People: They grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Leader: They are planted in the house of the Lord.

People: They shall bear fruit and remain full of sap at all ages.

*ACT OF PRAISE No. 36

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:8-11 "Remember the Sabbath Day"

ANTHEM

"Legend"

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42 "Jesus Visits Martha and Mary"

SERMON "Finding Rest in your Working"

*SUNDAY SUMMER HYMN SING

HYMN No. 23 *We Gather Together*

HYMN No. 27 *Now Thank We All Our God*

HYMN No. 529 *Let All Things Now Living*

HYMN No. 594 *How Great Thou Art*

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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CALL TO OFFERING & SERVICE

Let us present a portion of our harvest here in the temple of the Lord.

OFFERTORY **“The Last Rose of Summer”** Traditional Irish Melody

*DOXOLOGY No. 44

**Praise this your gift, our Sabbath rest;
Our work week done, your day to bless;
Our hearts attuned, our voices raised;
Together sing unending praise. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, we dedicate our time and heart to your way of new life. Amen.

*COMMISSIONING & CONNECTING

Send a blessing on your social media and contacts far and wide.

Remember that “Rest” is the beginning of “Restoral.”

*CLOSING HYMN No. 111 ***When Morning Gilds the Sky*** *Vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6*

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL POSTLUDE **“Will the Circle be Unbroken”** (1907)
words by Ada R. Habershon; music by Charles H. Gabriel

There are loved ones in the glory, whose dear forms you often miss.
When you close your earthly story, will you join them in their bliss?

[Refrain] Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?
There’s a better home awaiting in the sky, Lord, in the sky.

In my joyous days of childhood oft they told of wondrous love.
Pointed to the dying Saviour; now they dwell with Him above. [Refrain]



Thank you for being in worship with us this morning!
We are glad to welcome you to the OCC.
May all the gifts of the Spirit bless you in your faith journey!

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LIFE OF THE CHURCH

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Lynnete Beaudro, for prayers of comfort and safety during her deployment.

Peg Mercier, for prayers of peace and continued healing.

Les Burch, for continued progress, strength and wellness.

Jean Dusty, needing thoughts and prayers for healing.

Today's Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGISTS: **Pearl Gottberg**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Mike Foster and Alice Gero**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Mike Foster and Bob Casavant**

WHILE PASTOR KEN TAKES SOME SUMMER TIME OFF...

Reverend William Main will be our guest Pastor for July 24th and July 31st..

"**GROW THE OCC**"....Ideas are in bloom with our new "**Grow the OCC**" group, as it works on ways to grow our church and bring active church life back after the pandemic. Ideas, thus far, include: creating an atmosphere of welcome (visuals in the church such as signage and bulletin boards, social and digital media, greeting and welcoming new folks), planning new events, increasing community involvement (such as Wrentham Day and upcoming Wrentham 350th anniversary), and supporting our Christian education and youth. Check out our bulletin board (coming soon) with more details and ways to get involved. We can all help as our group expands and becomes even more active in September. We welcome all to join in and help us grow the OCC!

GINGERBREAD FAIR....

Please see the newest Website postings for updates about the November 19, 2022 Gingerbread Fair, or if you prefer, copies of the posting are on the information table outside of the library.

The office will be on summer hours, **Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm, from July 4th thru September 6th.**



The Covenant



Welcome to The Original Congregational Church in Wrentham!

Because we believe all people are created in God's image and thus blessed and loved equally by God, and because love is the unifying and strengthening force of our Christian faith, we the members of The Original Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, hereby declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.

We welcome all who have no church home, seek strength, and want to follow the teachings of Jesus.
We welcome believers and non-believers, doubters and questioners, and questioning believers.

We welcome new visitors and old friends.

We welcome grandparents, mothers, fathers and children.

We welcome single and partnered people.

We welcome people of all ages, colors, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.

Here at The Original Congregational Church, Wrentham, we believe that **whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

Voted upon and approved by the OCC on June 5, 2022

Portions adapted from Bethany Church, Foxboro, MA, and United Church, Walpole, MA

Legend

When Jesus Christ was yet a child
He had a garden small and wild,
Wherein he cherished roses fair,
And wove them into garlands there.

Now once, as summer-time drew nigh,
There came a troop of children by,
And seeing roses on the tree,
With shouts they plucked them merrily.

"Do you bind roses in your hair?"
They cried, in scorn, to Jesus there.
The Boy said humbly: "Take, I pray,
All but the naked thorns away."

Then of the thorns they made a crown,
And with rough fingers pressed it down.
Till on his forehead fair and young
Red drops of blood like roses sprung.

Translation from the Russian: Geoffrey Dearmer (1913)